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SUBJECT: DENKTASH COMMENTS ON CLIFFORD PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: NICOSIA 2112

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER THAT AMBASSADOR NOT REBUT BY LETTER ALLEGATIONS MADE BY DENKTASH ON AUGUST 10 (REFTEL). TO DO SO, WE BELIEVE, WOULD BE TO STRIKE AN UNNECESSARILY DEFENSIVE POSTURE, TO DIGNIFY A SERIES OF DISTORTIONS MADE FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, AND POSSIBLY--AS THE AMBASSADOR
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NOTES--TO STIMULATE AN ENTIRELY UNPRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE ON THE PRECISE MEANING OF SECRETARY CLIFFORD'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS.

2. WE WOULD JUDGE, MOREOVER, THAT DENKTASH IS HIMSELF FULLY AWARE THAT U.S. POLICY ON CYPRUS IS NOT AS HE DESCRIBED IT. IN ADDITION, HE IS NOW IN RECEIPT OF CLIFFORD'S PERSONAL

MESSAGE.

3. ALL THIS BEING THE CASE, THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD DO NO MORE THAN QUIETLY AND INFORMALLY REASSURE DENKTASH AT AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION THAT THE U.S. SEEKS AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK TO ENCOURAGE CONCLUSION OF AN EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT, ONE IN WHICH THE SECURITY AND OTHER INTERESTS OF THE TURKISH

CYPRIOIS ARE FULLY PROTECTED, AND THAT PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS BY DENKTASH OF PREFERENTIAL U.S. TREATMENT AND EVEN COLLUSION WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE DISTINCTLY UNHELPFUL. SUCH A REMINDER WOULD BE ALL THE MORE APPROPRIATE SHOULD DENKTASH CHOOSE TO REPEAT HIS PERFORMANCE OF AUGUST 10 IN THE NEAR FUTURE. CHRISTOPHER

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